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BEAVERS CUT DOWN MANY TREES

DAVE HUSTON OF BURLINGTON SEEKS RELIEF FROM THE PESTS THAT ARE PROTECTED BY LAW—ACRES OF TIMBER DESTROYED.

David Huston and sons, who live along the Des Lacs river above Burlington, were in the city Saturday. Dave had blood in his eye, for the beavers that are making their home in the river along his farm have done much damage. They have cut down all of his poplar trees, comprising several acres and are now going back 25 rods to his oak and ash trees, converting them into material for their dams. Dave says he does not see how in the world they manage to transport the trees so far, but they do it some way, and what is very peculiar, he has never yet seen them at work. They are very cunning and work only at night. They sleep during the day and when dusk comes they sneak out. He has seen them swimming in the river, but as soon as one moves, they disappear like a shot. They cut down trees a foot through. They have dammed the river, making the water so sluggish below that his stock will no longer drink it. The law does not permit one to trap the beavers, but Dave says he is going to don his kilts and take his good broad sword in hand and go after them if they don't let his timber alone. They carried away many shocks of oats, using them in the dam.

Burglarized Thos. Murphy's Country Residence.

J. C. Richards, Alfred J. Hubert and Geo. Bish were arrested by Deputy Vandenoever, charged with burglary in the fourth degree. They had broken into the farm home of Thos. Murphy east of the city Monday, when neighbors saw them and phoned the sheriff's office. The trio were brot to the city and given a hearing before Justice Dill, who bound them over to district court. Richards and Bish, who carried revolvers, have already pleaded guilty to carrying concealed weapons. The fellows really didn't steal anything, for the deputy arrived before they had a chance to loot the place.

Y. W. C. A. Will Hold Vesper Service.

The Young Women's Christian Association will hold a Vesper service next Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock at the Y. W. C. A. Rev. MacKenzie of the Episcopal church will give the talk upon the National Motto of the Y. W. C. A. Rev. MacKenzie frequently addressed the association in Ireland and his presence will be heartily appreciated at this meeting. Mrs. J. R. Pence will furnish the special music. This meeting will open the World's Week of Prayer. At 12:30 each day thru the week, an informal talk will be given upon different countries in the world. Curious and pictures will illustrate these talks as far as possible. In this way we will be able to become somewhat acquainted with the young women thruout the world. Their interests, ways of living, and what they are doing in their Young Women's Christian Associations will be considered. They have written to headquarters and have told about their accomplishments and what they expect to do next year. As sisters let us be interested. Let us attend these meetings and be sympathetic with them as they are with us. The week's program is as follows:

- Sunday, 4 p. m.: National Motto, Rev. MacKenzie. Solo by Mrs. J. R. Pence.
- Monday, 12:30 p. m.: "Africa," by Mrs. F. L. Sherman.
- Tuesday, 12:30 p. m.: "North America," by Miss Hulda Winsted.
- Solo by Miss Gertrude Birkeland.
- Wednesday, 12:30 p. m.: "Asia," by Mrs. E. O. Dickenson. Solo by Miss Lola Wells.
- Thursday, 12:30 p. m.: "Australia," by Mrs. W. D. Campbell.
- Solo by Miss Aileen McGahan.
- Friday, 12:30 p. m.: "Europe," by Mrs. J. D. Van Fleet.
- Saturday, 12:30 p. m.: "Germany," by Mrs. G. R. Ringo.

Democratic Committee Adopt Resolutions.

At a special meeting of the Ward County Democratic Central Committee, the following resolution was, upon motion, unanimously adopted, after being drafted by a committee composed of Committeemen James Fitzpatrick, W. C. McHugh and Lewis Knudson:

Whereas, Since the last meeting of this Committee Hon. John L. Fahey has been called by his Maker, and

Whereas, he has in the past score of years been one of the acting and progressive members of the Democratic party of this State, and has continually served upon various committees of this party, both County and State, and has, in fact, devoted the greater part of his life to Better Government,

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the Ward County Central Committee of the Democratic Party in meeting assembled, that this resolution expressing sorrow and regret of said committee at his early demise and the appreciation for his past splendid services, be spread upon our minutes and

that authenticated copies thereof signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the committee be engrossed and mailed to the Chairman of the State Central Committee, the press and to the near relatives of the deceased.

GEORGE McCLURE,
Chairman.
FRED L. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

Musical Club Program.

The Minot Musical Club held a very successful meeting in the Library club room on Wednesday afternoon of this week. Several business matters of importance were discussed and plans made for the welfare of the club.

The leader, Mrs. Preston Hallman, presented for study Italy, its composers and its music. The varied and interesting program follows:

Goodbye.....Tosti
Song by Miss Aletta Jacobson.
Paper—"How to Listen to Music."
.....Mrs. Frank Waters
Ave Maria.....Luigi Luzzi
Song by Miss Stella Nash.
Remarks—Beginning and Growth of Italian Opera, Mrs. Preston Hallman
a. Ballad A. Flat, Op. 20.....Reinecke
b. Ruelle of Spring.....Linding
(Piano) Miss Sybil McDonald.
a. When Thou Art Glancing.....Rotoli
b. When the Roses Bloom.....Reichart
Song by Miss Eldred.

Christian Church Changes Quarters.

Since the first of the year the Christian church services have been conducted in Labor Hall.

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 14th, the church will be conducted in what will be known as Clifton Hall, just opposite the Elks' Home on South Main street. This is a fine location and easy of access and all who are not engaged in Christian work or church attendance, are requested to take notice and govern themselves accordingly. At a recent meeting of the building committee, it was voted to postpone building till early spring, as it was thought that freezing might interfere with the concrete work. As soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring, it is proposed to proceed with the work.

Services at the usual hours: Bible school at 10:30 and preaching at 11:30 a. m. No preaching at night as Mr. Sapp will speak at Williston in the evening.

Offers Medals for Best Essays.

Supt. Wendt has issued circulars to the teachers of the county relative to the part that the schools are expected to take in Appreciation Week, Nov. 14 to 20. The executive committee for Appreciation Week offers \$20 in gold and five additional prizes of \$1.00 each for the best essays written by students from high schools, graded and rural schools. In addition the county superintendent offers medals and some of the best essays will be published and the writers of others will receive honorable mention in the newspapers.

FARMER SELLS TWO HOGS FOR \$66.85

Dickinson, N. D., Nov. 8.—Richard Dahlke of Taylor was in Dickinson with two 17-month-old hogs which tipped the beam at 955 pounds. He sold these fine porkers to Parker & Sons at 7 cents per pound live weight and was well pleased with the transaction. Mr. Dahlke has 21 more hogs in his herd at home that are coming along in fine shape. They are eating barley and other grains raised on the place this year and will be ready for market within a few weeks.

CAR KILLS DAKOTAN.

H. M. Lawson of Larson, N. D. is Ground to Death in Chicago. Chicago, Nov. 9.H. M. Lawson, farmer, of Larson, N. D., was instantly killed here early today when hit by a street car.

PLEADS GUILTY AND IS GIVEN SENTENCE.

Glenburn, N. D., Nov. 8.—Tom Welch, who was arrested for a violation of the prohibition law, pleaded guilty and was sentenced by Judge Crewe to a fine of \$200 and 90 days in the county jail.

SERIOUS AUTO ACCI- DENT NEAR GLENBURN

FRANK BANKS OF LANSFORD AND WARD JOHNSON OF MAXBASS SUFFERED PAINFUL INJURIES WHEN THEIR CAR RAN INTO BANK.

Frank Banks of Lansford and Ward Johnson, an implement dealer from Maxbass, nearly met death in an auto accident, three miles west of Glenburn, while enroute to Minot Friday evening. The injured men were brot to this city where their injuries were given attention. Johnson suffered a fractured arm above the wrist, while Banks was horribly injured about the head and neck, several stitches being required.

They were riding along at dusk and did not notice a deep dip in the township line road, caused by grading, and the struck the bank on the opposite side with terrific force. Banks was thrown over the wind shield of the big Knox car. The machine was wrecked some. The men talk of bringing an action for damages against Engsign township.

DANISH BROTHERHOOD WILL ORGANIZE

MEETING OF DANES IS CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOV. 17 AT CLIFTON HALL—MANY APPLI- CATIONS ALREADY RECEIVED.

A lodge of the Danish Brotherhood will soon be organized in this city. A meeting of Danes will be held at Clifton Hall Wednesday evening, Nov. 17, at 8 o'clock, when it is hoped that the organization will be perfected. All Danes are urgently requested to be present.

J. A. Meyer, who has charge of the organization, reports thirty-six applications received to date. There are many Danish people living in Minot and vicinity and the organization would be to large.

Sick benefit, life insurance and social affairs are the features of the organization.

Niobe Store Burned.

County Commissioner J. M. Rohe's store building burned at Niobe one night recently, with a loss of \$1800, partially insured. The merchant who occupied the place lost \$4500 worth of merchandise. A dozen people were in the store when the fire started, presumably from an explosion. H. W. Montgomery, the local insurance man, went to Niobe to adjust the loss.

Printing Company Lost Contract.

Because the Dakota Printing and Stationery Co. failed to come thru with a bond and to deliver the county work promptly, the county fathers took the contract for blank books from them and gave it to the Times-Herald Publishing Co.

WHAT GOVERNS THE PRICE OF WHEAT?

A GRAIN GROWER ASKS THIS PERTINENT QUESTION OF THE INDEPENDENT—HE STATES FACTS AND ASKS FOR INFOR- MATION.

To the Editor of the Independent:

Much has been said and written in the past years relative to the price of wheat. I have been a close student of all the available information that I could get as to what governs the price, but study the matter in every way that I can, I am left in just as big a quandary as before. It does not take much of a student to tell you how certain elements could raise and lower the price, but that does not answer the main question, which is, what fixes the BASE price? A school boy in the eighth grade could answer correctly that if transportation rates were lowered, say 2 cents a bushel, that the price would jump two cents higher to the farmer, or if the commission houses and elevators would that the grain without commission that the price would increase a corresponding amount. An enthusiastic terminal elevator agitator will tell you that a model concern such as he has in view would make the price jump a few cents, the truth of which we do not at this time wish to argue, while the low tariff man will tell you that the duty on grain makes no difference, while the high tariff enthusiast makes the broad assertion that the price is fixed by a tariff and the higher the tariff, up pops the price to the farmer. Granting that all these are true, for the sake of argument, the main question is still unanswered, and the Grain Grower is as far in the dark as he was before. The main question is apt to be sidetracked but I do not want it to be lost sight of so I ask again what constitutes, controls, governs or fixes the BASE price of wheat? The other problems as above mentioned are but incidental and affect the main question only obliquely. There are a number of small matters that effect the increase of the selling price, but how many effect the base price itself. As an illustration, the other day on the opening of the market at Minneapolis, and likewise Winnipeg, the report that the Buffalo elevators were filled and that the New York Central railroad was declining to receive shipments until the congestion was relieved in the New York yards, the price dropped at both these points a fraction of a cent, which rose again on receipt of the news that this report was untrue. These are merely some of the many things that vary or fluctuate prices. But outside of all these things, there must be something or other that fixes the base price. Is this not a demand? And does not the supply fix the degree of the demand to a certain extent? If the supply is small, the demand would perhaps not be greater, but would cause a raise in what the buyer would be willing to give, or the seller to take. Does this not then, fix the base price, to which must be added all marketing charges, to fix the actual selling price of a bushel of wheat?

This year the world over has been a remarkable one, in the production of

MRS. J. E. O'HARA DIED VERY SUDDENLY

HUSBAND AROSE TO TURN ON THE STEAM AND RETURNING FOUND WIFE DEAD IN BED.

Mrs. J. E. O'Hara, aged 51 years, 4 months and 18 days, passed away at her home, Room 5 in the Zlevor block, about 6 o'clock Monday morning from an attack of heart disease. Her husband had arisen at six o'clock to turn on the steam and returning to the bed he noticed that his wife lay very quietly. In an attempt to arouse her, he found that death had come.

The funeral was held from St. Leo's Catholic church Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. Fr. Raith preaching a most comforting sermon, speaking in particular of the consistent Christian life that Mrs. O'Hara had led. The remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery. The pall bearers were Jas. Foley, A. S. Blakey, A. A. Robinson, Jos. Hodgins, Michael Finn and Michael Bruel.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara came to this city two years ago, Mr. O'Hara being grain solicitor for Carter & Sammes of Minneapolis. They formerly resided at Washburn. The deceased is survived by her husband, her father, James Smith, of Minneapolis; a daughter, Henrietta, of Fessenden; a son, John O'Hara, employed by the International Harvester Co. of this city; a brother, Wm. Smith of Winthrop, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Drake of Canada and Mrs. Kelchen of Minneapolis, and a cousin, Thos. White of Ray, all of whom attended the last sad rites. Mrs. O'Hara was a woman held in very high esteem by everyone.

wheat. Nearly every country in the world has raised a large crop. North of us in Canada there has been raised the biggest crop in the history of that country. Last winter the Canadian government organized a department whose sole duty it was to urge the farmers to increase their acreage of wheat, which was done. In consequence of good crops, on this increased acreage, an immense crop has been raised. This grain is flowing into Winnipeg, and on the sea, like a mighty river, and then to Europe. Times without mention in our state papers and in Minot papers the statement has been made that were it not for the tariff, this Canadian crop, to use a slang expression, would be "dumped" on our market, to the detriment of our growers here. Now I am not saying that such could not be the case, for I do not know, but I am writing this article for information, and if such can be had, let someone answer. It's the truth I'm after and not an argument. As an evidence of the fact that this Canadian crop is a whopper, a mere passing glance at any market report will convince. Winnipeg today is handling more grain than all the big markets of the United States combined. Here are the figures, taken from the Minneapolis Journal of last Monday:

Wheat Receipts (Carloads) for Two Days.

	Today	Week ago	Last year
Minneapolis	1,499	1,622	572
Duluth	1,385	1,509	1,005
Chicago	143	165	434
Omaha	237	237	137
Kansas City	535	437	584
St. Louis	306	306	262
TOTAL	4,105	4,276	2,994
Winnipeg	4,164	4,365	594

From this it can easily be seen, by reference to the small amount marketed at Winnipeg last year, that there is a big increase in the crop. Now if the tariff jumps the price or strangles it, this would be a time when it certainly would be strangled into insignificance. Certainly the supply is the greatest it has ever been, yet what do we find as to the price of grain? Take the market for Nov. 8th, which is the latest available at this writing. What do we find? Minneapolis futures, December wheat, was only a cent above Winnipeg, when according to all tariff protectionists' reasoning it should have been many cents lower. But what do we find with reference to Cash Wheat? It is the cash wheat that the farmers are most interested in—that is what he has to sell. On that date Winnipeg wheat was nearly 2 cents over Duluth and quite 2 cents over Minneapolis. If, therefore, today Minneapolis wheat is lower than Winnipeg wheat, or in other words, if Winnipeg wheat is worth more than Minneapolis, where does the tariff issue come in as a factor towards raising or lowering prices of grain? This is one of the questions that should interest farmers and I know of no better place of going for information than thru the columns of a leading paper, that has the farmers' interests at heart, like the Independent.

Now a month or so ago, Winnipeg wheat was in a big slump and for a few days was cheaper than American wheat,—at one time fully 12 cents lower than Minneapolis. Here is where a higher tariff would have possibly kept Canadian wheat from being "dumped" into our markets. But what did the records of the grain market show? They showed that only a mere handful of cars were shipped across the border. Why was not this

SURREY FARMER GOES TO REWARD

S. P. MILLER PASSED AWAY MONDAY EVENING VERY SUD- DENLY—FUNERAL TO BE HELD FRIDAY.

S. P. Miller, aged 38 years, passed away at his home one mile south of Surrey Monday evening at nine o'clock from an attack of heart trouble superinduced by a complication of diseases. Altho Mr. Miller had not been feeling well for some time, he appeared as well as usual that evening but after eating supper, became quite ill and soon passed to the great beyond. Neighbors were called in but nothing could be done.

The funeral will be held from the Mennonite church south of Surrey Friday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. L. A. Kauffman of Kenmare will preach the sermon and interment will be made in the Mennonite cemetery. A number of relatives from Missouri are on their way here to attend the funeral.

Mr. Miller and family located at Surrey two years ago, coming from Michigan. The deceased is survived by his wife and eight children. A daughter resides in Oklahoma, another at Kenmare, a son in Missouri, three sons are at the home, and a daughter, Mrs. H. J. Glick, lives near Surrey. The deceased was a model citizen and his loss will be keenly felt.

FIRST MURDER CASE FOR MOUNTRAIL CO.

The first murder case to be tried in Mountrail county will come up at the next term of district court which convenes at Stanley, Monday. Jim Gleason, who committed a murder recently at Coulee, just 100 yards within the border of Mountrail county, is to be tried. Among the other criminal cases on the calendar are the following: J. B. Taylor, libel; Jack Kilroy, pigging; Leonard Ritterrath, maiming; J. Baldwin, grand larceny; W. J. Scott, bootlegging, Wm. Noakes, Ed and Peter Aas, and Geo. B. Dougherty, pigging; John Peterson, assault with a dangerous weapon.

Kenmare's Next Postmaster.

Olaf Toftner of Kenmare was in the city Wednesday. Olaf is to be Kenmare's next postmaster—that is, his friends say that such is the case and besides, he has the endorsement of the democratic county central committee, which ought to help some. He has not the endorsement of the national committeeman, but perhaps that will not make any difference. If the appointment goes thru under these circumstances it will be the first instance in the United States where an appointment has gone over the head of this august personage.

CITY LEASES SITE FOR DETENTION HOSPITAL

Ward county has leased to the city of Minot for a period of ten years, a piece of land 150 feet square at the foot of Valley street, where a detention hospital will be built. This is on the location of the old pest house built years ago by the county. Ward county owns a 2 1/2-acre tract at this place and eventually it is expected that the county will own the detention hospital.

Mrs. Lillian Smith, of Brookings, S. D., who owns a valuable section farm near Logan, has been here looking after her interests. Mrs. Smith says her farm paid about five per cent this year. She bought the land as an investment, realizing that it will be worth a good deal more money some day. She owns considerable land in South Dakota worth from \$100 to \$150 per acre and she is certain that the land in this vicinity will be worth just as much within a few years.

FORMER MINOT JEWELER KILLED

C. D. CALHOUN, FORMERLY EM- PLOYED BY THE WINTERS JEWELRY CO., GROUND TO DEATH BY TRAIN AT NIAGARA, N. D.

C. D. Calhoun, for several years employed as jeweler and watch maker by the Winters Jewelry Co. of this city, was killed instantly at Niagara, N. D. Thursday.

Mr. Calhoun, who has been operating a jewelry store at Bottineau since leaving Minot a little over a year ago, was returning from the Twin Cities, where he went to buy his holiday stock, and he got off the train when it stopped at Niagara to meet some friends. He attempted to jump back on as the train was in motion, but missed his footing and was ground to death under the wheels.

The remains were forwarded to Bottineau, where the funeral was held.

He is survived by a wife and eight children. Mr. Calhoun was an expert jeweler and made many friends while in this city.

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